

Subject: Burma Road _ STIP Comments
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We need to add Burma Road Improvements to the Point Mackenzie or South Big Lake Road Improvements. Let's get the horse before the cart. FHWA is interested in reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT's). An improved Burma Road would greatly reduce the VMT's.

Taken from 2002 Anchorage Press:

"Still, a ferry wouldn't get much use in its first years of operation, according to a Northern Economics study last year. The report suggested charging a one-way fare of \$3.80. Even then, the ferry would operate at a loss, perhaps requiring more than \$4 million a year in subsidies."

It was further stated that the ferry could be operational as early as 2005. I think Burma Road Improvements could help off set the enormous subsidy that may be required.